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Firearms Transaction Center (FTC)

Reporting and Return of Confiscated or Recovered Firearms

Effective July 1, 2016, pursuant to the requirements of Virginia Code §52-25.1, as amended and reenacted by the 2016 General Assembly, all law-enforcement agencies of the Commonwealth must conduct a trace of any firearm seized, forfeited, found, or otherwise coming into the agency's possession that are believed to have been used in the commission of a crime by participation in the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), U.S. Department of Justice, eTrace System. This procedure replaces the statute's previous requirement to report this information to the State Police for entry into a Criminal Firearms Clearinghouse and renders the State Police Criminal Firearms Clearinghouse Form SP-187 obsolete as of this date.

ATF defines eTrace as an Internet based firearms trace submission system and trace analysis module available to the entire law enforcement community. The eTrace system is designed to provide a paperless firearm trace submission system while storing information for statistical or analytical purposes. The trace information provided by eTrace is accomplished by National Tracing Center (NTC) personnel. All police agencies in Virginia are statutorily required to participate in eTrace and to "opt in" to the data sharing pool, which allows each agency to see each other's data. This is an eTrace status set by the Agency eTrace Administrator.

An online request through eTrace provides the following benefits:

1. Significant reduction in the turnaround time required to process a trace request. A trace report is provided directly to the requesting ORI within a couple of days. Emergency trace reports may be requested.

2. Ability to perform online analytical research relative to the jurisdiction based on the information provided in the trace requests; *i.e.*, view a summary listing of recently submitted traces; view the status of traces in progress or completed; perform a quick search or a detailed multi-layered search;

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submit urgent trace requests for processing, reopen a trace to provide previously missing or invalid data; and ability to generate statistical reports such as number of traces, top firearms traced, time-to-crime rates, age of possessors, etc.

3. The eTrace application allows law enforcement agencies to both submit firearm traces to the NTC and to electronically receive firearms trace results in a real-time environment.

4. Increase the overall number of crime guns traced by providing a user friendly interface for entering trace data.

5. Ability to view, print, or download completed trace results at any time.

You may access your eTrace account or request an account at https://www.atfonline.gov/etrace/.

If you need assistance in establishing a new account or need to update your Agency Administrator or ORI, please contact the NTC at (800) 788-7133 or (304) 260-1540 for assistance.

Virginia Criminal Information Services (VCIN)

Virginia State Police Graduates 74 New VCIN Instructors - Continued

On March 25, 2016, the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) graduated 74 new instructors at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Academy in Chesterfield County. The instructor course is a rigorous 40 hour training session where students are provided in depth training on VCIN. During the 40 hours course they are tested to ensure their strong knowledge of VCIN so they can train users on the system.

This graduation marked the beginning for new instructors, while also marking an end for others. Presiding over the graduation was Captain Thomas W. Turner. Captain Turner has dedicated a lifetime to the Virginia Department of State Police; most of it in the CJIS Division where he oversaw VCIN's growth over the last 50 years. First Sergeant K. Scott Downs remarked during the graduating ceremonies, "…that much of the programs we see now in CJIS and VCIN are a testament of a lifetime of achievement by Captain Turner. He was here in the beginning, and helped create a program that is highly respected not only here in the Commonwealth, but nationally".

Captain Turner will retire this year, at the age of 70. This graduation marked the final class for Captain Turner to preside over. During his presentation, he spoke of how important civilian employees are to law enforcement, and they are sometimes the unsung heroes. Also, instructors are a vital link to the VCIN system, and VSP could not train the entire state. It is with their help that police officers have vital information, at their fingertips, to make the Commonwealth safe.

This graduating class not only marked the last one Captain Turner will preside over, it also met with two other great distinctions. In the history of all previous classes, there has never been a student to graduate with a 100 average in all sections of the training. Not only did this class have a student overcome that daunting achievement, but two students earned this high achievement. This class was also the largest VCIN Basic Instructor class to graduate in the Department's history.

INSTRUCTOR GRADUATES	AGENCY
ANDERS, LONNIE C JR	WYTHEVILLE PD
BARBER, BILLIE RAY	LEE CO SO
BIRCKHEAD, LINDSAY D	WINTERGREEN PD
BROWN, DEIRDRE	HAMPTON PD
BROWN, JULIE K	VSP
CALDWELL, GLENNA G	PITTSYLVANIA CO SO (EOC)
CALLIS, CYNTHIA	GLOCHESTER CO SO
CANCIGLIA, LISA	SPOTSYLVANIA CO SO
CAPIZZI, ANTHONY L	FAIRFAX CO PD
CLARY, KATIE	MEHERRIN RIVER REG JAIL
COLLIER, FELICIA D	FBI - NORFOLK
COLLINS, LOREN M	ROCKINGHAM CO SO
COMOPTON, SNODA	BUCHANAN CO SO
CROWDER, EVELYN P	VSP
CURL, BRANDEE R	SUFFOLK PD
DEAN, CHERYL	FAIRFAX DPSC
DECA, AIMEE	RICHMOND CITY SO
DIALLO, DJIBRIL	FORT MYER
FARLEY, CHRISTINA	FARMVILLE EOC
FARROW, MARTHA	VSP
FOSTER, CHRISTIAN	MATHEWS CO SO
FOSTER, ELIZABETH A	COLONIAL HEIGHTS EOC
FRAZIER, DEVON R	MONTGOMERY CO SO
GILLESPIE, CYNTHIA T	POWHATAN CO SO
HANKS, DERRICK	DINWIDDIE CO SO
HARRISON, SARAH	MANASSAS PARK PD
JACOBS, REBECCA	PORTSMOUTH PD
JEFFERSON, AARON S	FAIRFAX CO PD
JEWLEL, FRANCES E	ISLE OF WIGHT CO EOC
KAEHLER, KATHY	FAIRFAX CO PD
KAY, JESSICA	VIRGINIA BEACH EOC
KEISER, KRISTY M	AMHERST CO PUBLIC SAFETY
KING, JOANNA	MEHERRIN RIVER REG JAIL
KRASZANY, PETER THOMAS	PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PD
LACHOWSKI, STEVEN R	UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
LAYNE, CHANTAE E	RICHMOND DEC
LUCAS, CASSIE ANN	FRONT ROYAL PD
MARTIN, ROBERT S	HILLSVILLE PD
MAYO, MICHAEL B	MONTGOMERY CO SO
MAZZIE, JULLIAN R	APPOMATTOX EOC
MCNEAL, JENNIFER LEE	AUGUSTA CO SO

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MILLS, DOMINIQUE	SOUTHAMPTON CO SO
MOSS, JOE	NORFOLK PD (EOC)
MURPHY, KUANASIA	HAMPTON ROADS REG JAIL
OVERKAMP, KATHERINE	NORFOLK PD
OWENS, ANTHONY G	CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE TUNNEL
PARIS, AMANDA	FAIRFAX CO PD
PARSONS, GRETCHEN	FAIRFAX DPSC
PROFFITT, THERESA	NEWPORT NEWS CA
PUTNEY, CASEY N	PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PD
QUACH, LILIE	FAIRFAX DPSC
RAINES, PAULA	JAMES CITY CO EOC
REDD, RANDY E	SOUTH BOSTON PD
RICHARDSON, DONALD	HENRICO CO PD
RITCHIE, HEATHER M	GROTTOES PD
ROMANO, STEFFANIE	LYNCHBURG EOC
RUDACILLE, PAUL	RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL JAIL
SCOTT, LEE	BLACKSTONE PD
SHELTON, LAWSON	PAMUNKEY REGIONAL JAIL
SLAGLE, JOSH	BRISTOL PD
SNYDER, VICKIE	HAMPTON PD
SOWERS, JERRY	VSP
TERRY, DONISHA	VCU PD
TOWNES, TUANA C	LUNENBURG CO SO
WHIRLEY, STONEY	RIVERSIDE REG JAIL
WHITLOCK, TERRY L.	CHRISTIANSBURG PD
WIELAND, CARRIE	FAIRFAX DPSC
WILLIAMS, REBECCA	JAMES CITY CO EOC
WILLIAMS, SPARKLE	NORFOLK PD
WILMOTH, DEBORAH	DEPT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES
WINEBARGER, ELIZABETH	SOUTHWEST VA REG JAIL - DUFFIELD
WOODEN, GREG J	VSP
ZIAJA, THEODORE E	VIRGINIA BEACH PD

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Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Emergency Contact Program

Virginia now has an Emergency Contact Program. Last year, the Virginia General Assembly passed §46.2-203.2, Code of Virginia. This new law directed the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement the new Emergency Contact Program and for it to take effect on January 1, 2016.

Beginning January 1, 2016, DMV will begin accepting emergency contact information from Virginia residents. The emergency contact program is voluntary, and is open to anyone with a Virginia Driver's License, identification card, learner's permit, commercial driver's license, or temporary driver's license. Participants may list up to two emergency contacts with DMV. Each listing must include the emergency contact's name, and primary telephone number. Participants may also list a secondary telephone number, the contact's address, and their relationship to the contact. Parents or guardians, who wish to enroll a child under 15, must first obtain a child ID card. Emergency contacts must be 18 years of age or older.

Per §46.2-203.2, Code of Virginia, in the event of an emergency situation, DMV shall make emergency contact information in customer records electronically available to law enforcement officers, who in the exercise of official duties, requires assistance in reaching a DMV customer's emergency contact.

The VCIN command for determining if there is an emergency contact is QD. If there is emergency contact information in DMV's files, you will receive the following response "EC is available, please run a QEC." You will then run the VCIN command "QEC" to obtain the information. Emergency contact information provided to DMV, by DMV customers, shall only be disclosed as permitted by code, and shall not be considered a public record subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and shall not be subject to disclosure by court order, or other means of discovery.

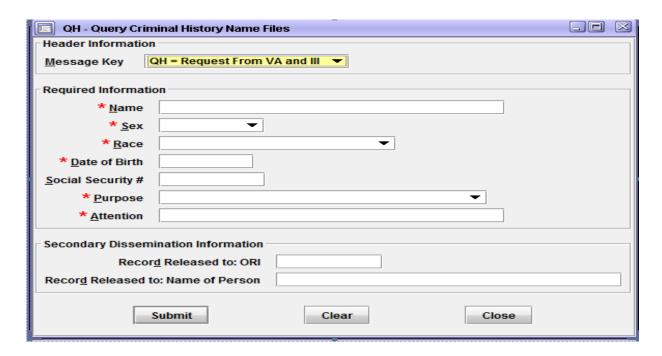## Secondary VCIN Dissemination

Effective June 1, 2016, the use of log books for secondary dissemination of VCIN Criminal History information will no longer be required. The Messenger "Open Fox System" has been programmed to replace the hardback, bound cover, pages sewn in, and factory numbered pages for Secondary Dissemination.

The new procedure, as shown on Page 7, will appear at the bottom of a QH, QR, VAQH, and VAQR Formats. This will require only the Agency's ORI that it is being released to and the person's title/rank, first name, middle initial and last name. This will save time and money for everyone.

The current hard bound log books must be retained for a period of three years from the last entry and, at which time, disposed of following VCIN/NCIC Policy.

Users of GLINK must continue using the hard cover log book for Secondary Disseminations. Those agencies using CAD will need to have their system upgraded by July 1, 2016, with the two additional fields.

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UCR Highlights

Crime in Virginia

The 2015 Crime in Virginia annual report was released June 2, 2016. The current as well as previous reports may be viewed on the State Police website www.vsp.virginia.gov under "Forms & Publications," "Publications," "Crime in Virginia." This detailed document provides rates and occurrences of crimes committed in towns, cities, and counties across the Commonwealth. The report lists criminal offenses by reporting agency, arrests by jurisdiction, as well as presenting detailed information on law enforcement officers killed and assaulted (LEOKA) and when bias motivation (hate crime) was associated with an offense.

We appreciate the ongoing effort from all contributing agencies to help ensure their data are as complete and accurate as possible. This is particularly important because these data are the official crime figures for Virginia. They are used by criminal justice personnel, policymakers, and the public to better understand the nature and extent of crime issues.

For 2015, statewide violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) increased less than 1 percent compared to the previous year (.61%). As a group, property crimes including burglary, larceny and motor vehicle thefts decreased 2.2 percent during this period of time. As an individual offense, motor vehicle theft increased 7.4%, reversing a downward trend over the last several years. There was no change in drug and narcotics violations compared to the previous year (.03%). Marijuana accounted for approximately 59.6 percent of all drug arrests that occurred during 2015. Arrests for heroin increased 15.6 percent.

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Group A Arrests: As shown in the table below, there was a decrease in arrests between 2014 and 2015. Adult arrests decreased 5.0 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 11.6 percent.

Group B Arrests: Between 2014 and 2015 adult arrests decreased 8.7 percent. Juvenile arrests experienced a larger decrease for the same period of time (-15.7 percent).

Group A Arrests and Group B Arrests: There were a total of 282,422 arrests in 2015 compared to 305,648 arrests in 2014, representing a decrease of 7.6 percent.

Arrests	2015		2014	
	Adult	**Juvenile**	**Adult**	**Juvenile**
Group A	115,221	10,811	121,228	12,223
Group B	146,784	9,606	160,805	11,392
TOTAL (Adult & Juvenile)	282,422		11,392	

The table below compares reporting years 2009 through 2015 for each Group A offense.

Crime Trends
Rate Per 100,000 Populations

Group A Offense*	*Number*	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	2015							
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter*	382	4.56	4.05	3.84	3.86	3.77	4.61	4.43
Kidnapping/Abduction*	1,484	17.70	17.4	18.15	18.17	18.22	20.18	23.44
Forcible Sex Offenses*	5,097	60.80	59.44	59.17	62.22	63.04	62.25	60.63
Robbery	4,459	53.19	51.8	55.14	57.77	67.32	70.99	80.19
Aggravated Assault*	9,318	111.15	13.66	110.12	111.75	109.19	120.32	125.8
Simple Assault/Intimidation*	88,153	1051.57	1061.67	1111.69	1184.68	1229.47	1271.09	1247.5
Arson	886	10.57	10.18	11.43	15.26	14.41	15.42	16.63
Extortion/Blackmail	214	2.55	2.17	1.74	1.51	1.4	1.9	1.48
Burglary	21,068	251.32	271.85	318.39	351.33	375.94	378.61	396.33
Larceny	128,930	1537.99	1578.3	1657.04	1719.87	1784.59	1849.06	1920.66
Motor Vehicle Theft	8,103	96.66	90.58	100.7	108.06	118.77	129.91	145.27
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6,970	83.14	76.04	72.72	83	87.37	89.25	94.78
Fraud	36,296	432.97	407.26	364.81	342.03	321.62	307	310.95
Embezzlement	2,732	32.59	35.57	33.38	32.37	35.05	33.75	36.87
Stolen Property	1,219	14.54	15.77	17.03	16.39	17.96	19.41	22.39
Damage/Vandalism	57,719	688.52	723.61	754.54	856.2	912.64	971.05	1055.03
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	56,100	669.21	673.57	696.12	676.9	625.57	591.35	570.27
Non-forcible Sex Offenses*	141	1.68	2.27	2.29	2.39	2.61	2.55	2.71
Pornography	1,225	14.61	14.39	12.74	8.72	8.44	7.75	7.03
Gambling	33	0.39	0.64	0.59	0.78	1.93	1.04	1.46
Prostitution	1,124	13.41	15.53	12.37	12.13	11.73	12.36	14.51
Bribery	21	0.25	0.25	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.4	0.29
Weapon Law Violations	9,681	115.48	106.76	108.00	110.54	111.92	112.72	117.31

*Crime counts are number of victims for offenses against a person and number of offenses for all other offenses.

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End of the Year Reporting

All reporting agencies are required to submit their crime and arrest data by the fifteenth of the following month that the incident occurred. To be included in the annual report, all year-end data had to have been submitted no later than mid-March. Crime data are published in the annual state publication <u>Crime in Virginia</u>, and annual federal publication <u>Crime in the United States</u>.   If any incidents or arrests have not been submitted or if any unresolved errors are not corrected and resubmitted by the established deadline, the data are not included in these publications.   Submission of all incidents is important because what we receive from your agency becomes the official crime statistics for your agency. We realize there are always unforeseen circumstances beyond the reasonable control of any one agency. Nevertheless, undercounts, as well as over counts, of data could have serious and damaging effects on the accuracy of these crime figures. Because of this, we urge you to submit all of your crime data as accurately as possible, and on a regular monthly basis.

Uniform Statute Conversion Table

The July 2016 Uniform Statute/Conversion Table (Modified) has been uploaded to the IBR website. This table is located under IBR Publications, and includes new state statutes with their associated IBR codes. Please remember, this table is intended to be used as a tool and depending on the specific circumstances, the IBR code may need to be modified to reflect the actual scenario for a specific incident.   State Program staff members are available to review individual case narratives, if you have any questions about which IBR offense to use. The expanded version of the new UST release can be directly accessed through the Virginia Supreme Court's website: http://www.courts.state.va.us/courtadmin/aoc/djs/resources/ust/ust_table.pdf

UCR/IBR Training

One-day IBR training sessions will be conducted this summer throughout Virginia. Presenters will include FBI trainers, as well as state personnel. Please note that new presentations including error identification and correction as well as "Officer-Involved Shooting" requirements (§ 52-28.2), will be covered. Registration packets have already been mailed to contributing agencies. Please note: **WE CANNOT ALLOW WALK-INS**. In order to attend, you must register through the IBR office by contacting the following individuals via email or phone: Norman.Westerberg@vsp.virginia.gov at 804-674-2143, or Keon.Turner@vsp.virginia.gov at 804-674-4654.   This is an important training opportunity that every agency should strongly consider. Listed below are the locations and dates for the UCR/IBR training:

Location	Date
Bristol	August 23rd
Roanoke	August 24th
Lynchburg	August 25th

We hope you will be able to attend!